

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 2 are currently pending. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended to clarify that which Applicant regards as the invention; no claims are canceled or added. Applicants request allowance of these claims in view of the following remarks.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that Applicant regards as the invention. In particular, the claims stand rejected for Applicant's use of the term "any" which allegedly can be interpreted as an indeterminate number or amount and which does not positively identify the claimed limitations.

Applicant traverses this rejection. Applicant's use of the term "any" clearly points out that which he regards as his invention. Specifically, Applicant's invention isolates a recipient block and identifies a recipient therein from among any of the blocks on any page in the fax. Applicant's use of the term "any" is bound by those blocks on a page, and those pages included in a fax. Hence, the term "any" is not indeterminate as alleged by the Examiner.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,229,884 to Toyoda *et al.* ("Toyoda"). Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,104,500 to Alam ("Alam"). Applicant traverses these rejections.

As noted by the Examiner, Toyoda requires that the recipient block be located at a particular place on a page and Alam requires that the recipient block be located on the front page of the fax. Applicant's claimed invention is not restricted to a particular location on a particular page. In particular, as noted above, the recipient block can correspond to any of the plurality of the blocks on any of the pages in the fax. Neither

reference cited by the Examiner permits this flexibility. Accordingly, Applicant submits that claims 1 and 2 are not anticipated by Toyoda or Alam.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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